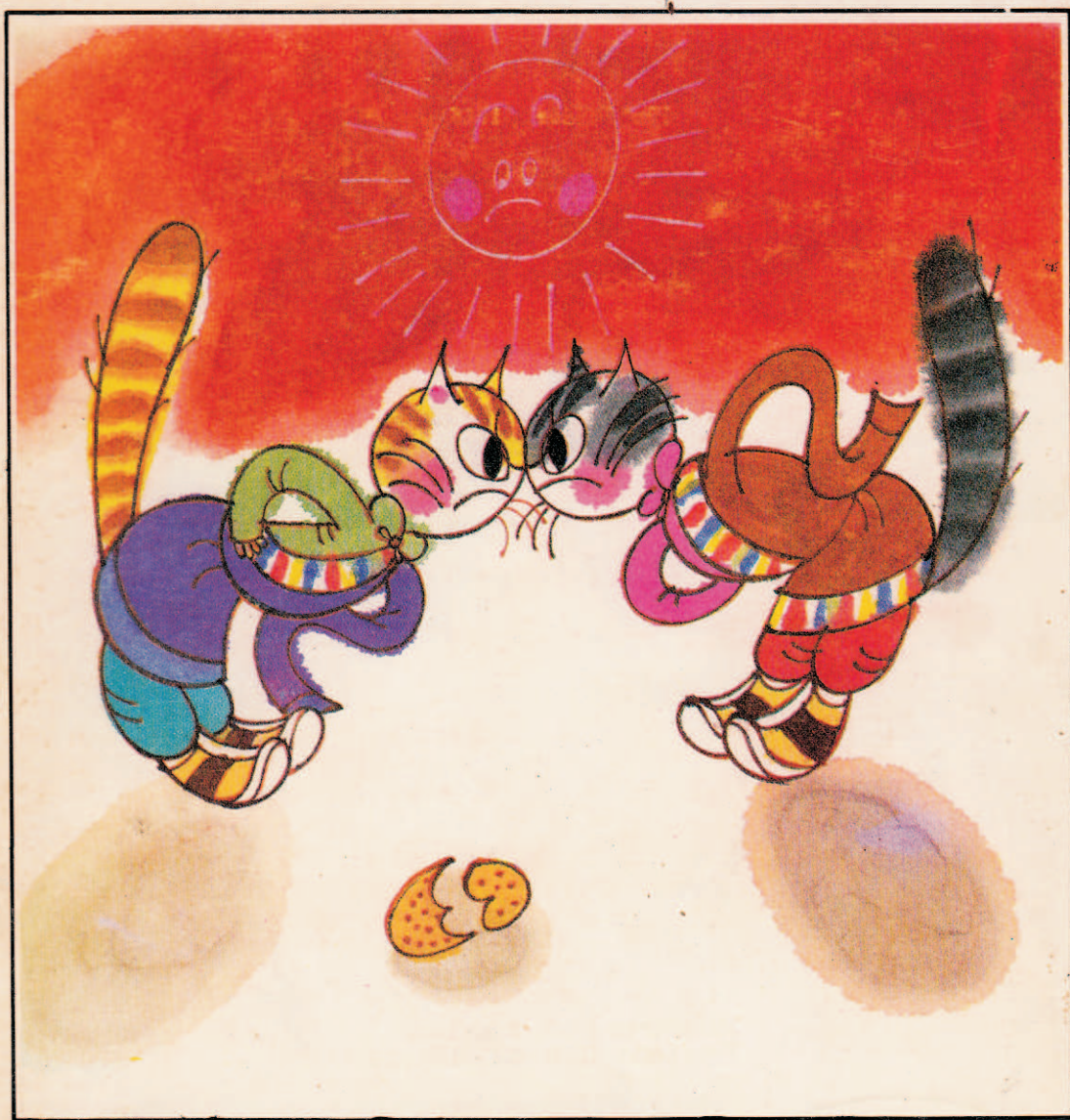




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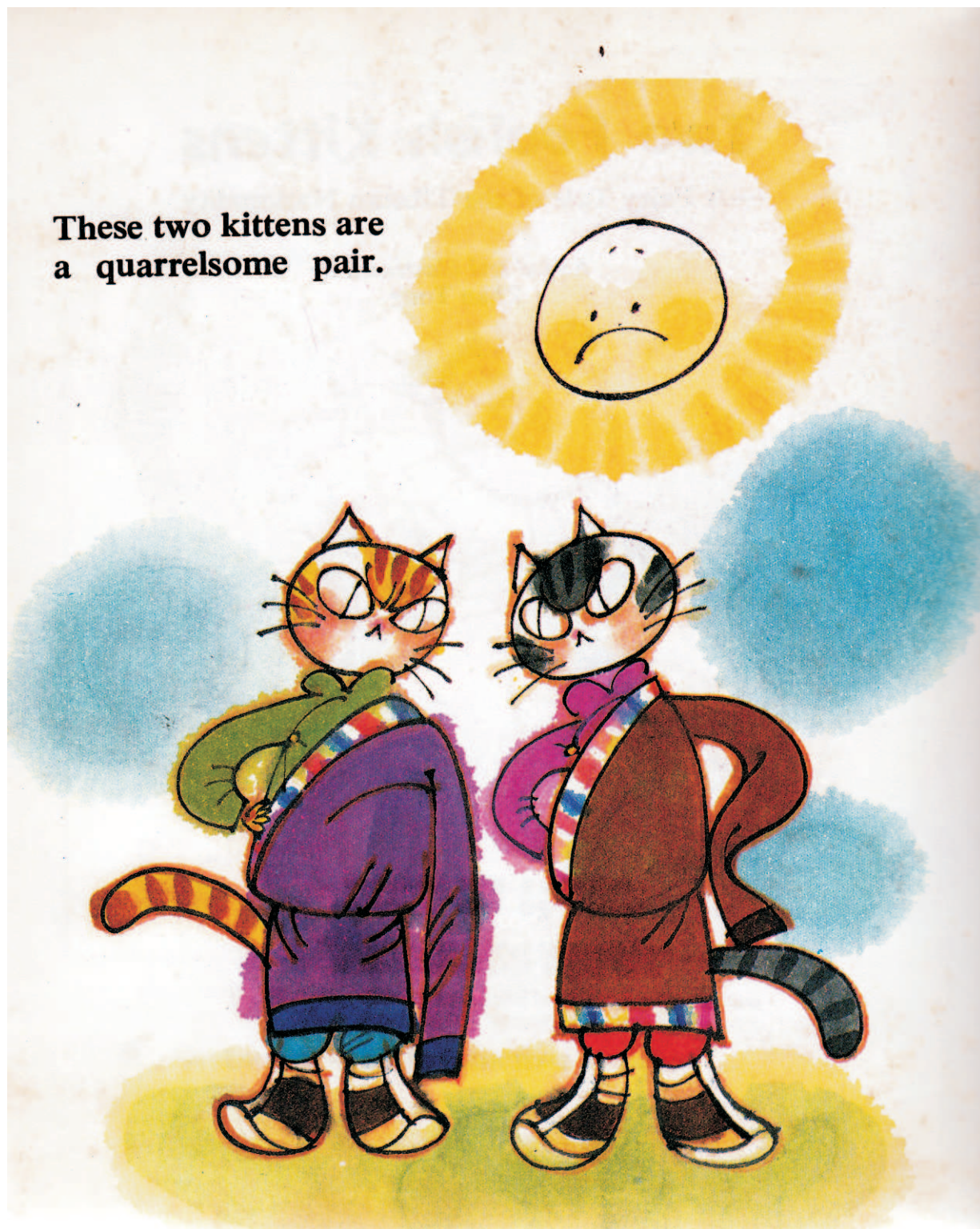
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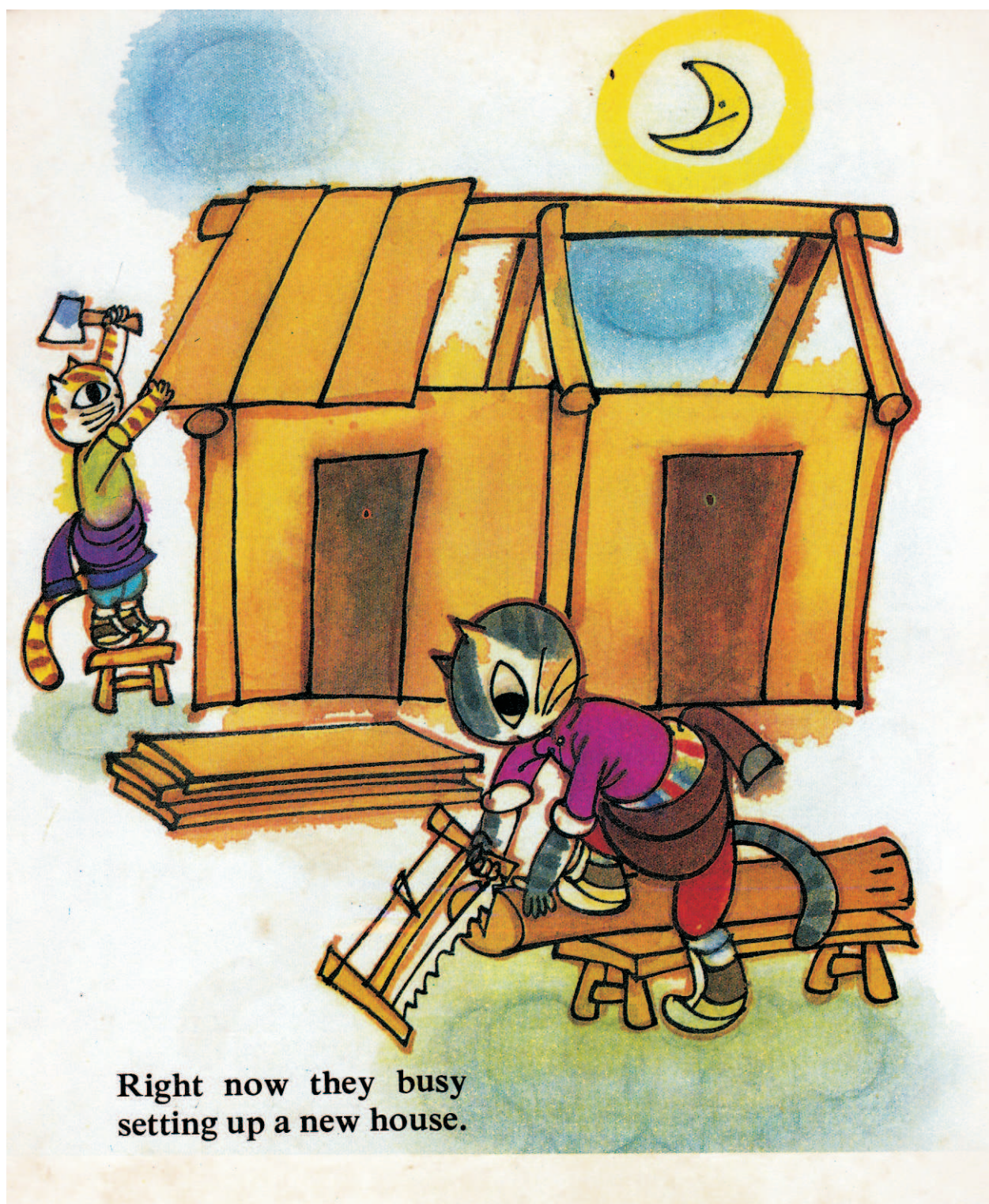
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These two kittens are
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Right now they busy
setting up a new house.

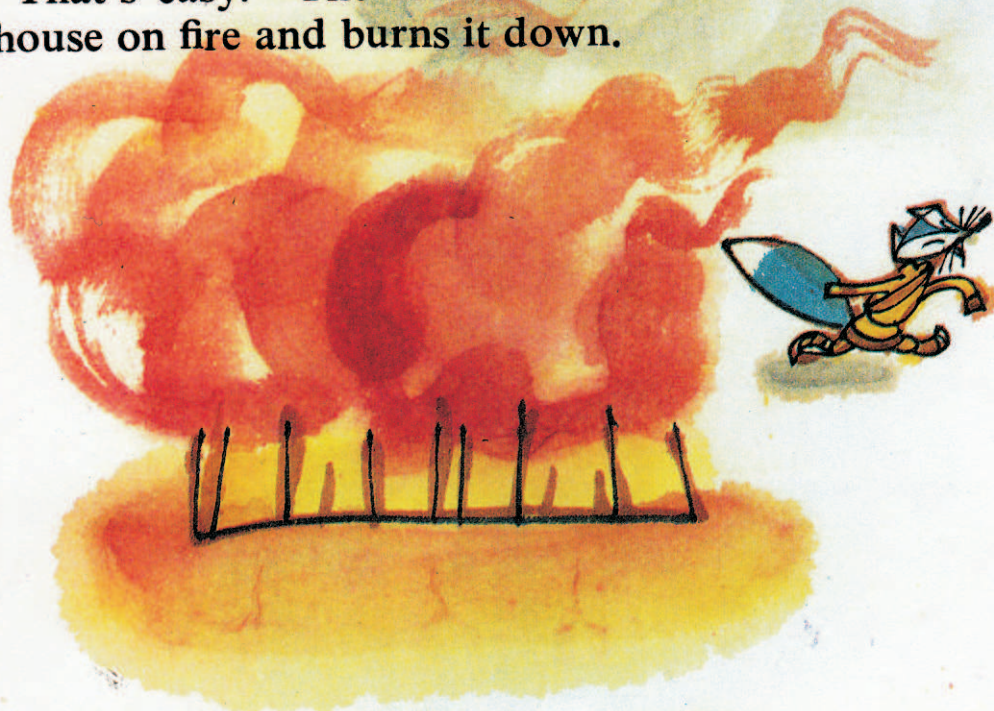


As soon as the house is built they begin to quarrel. "Who's going to move in first? Certainly not you!"

They ask a fox to settle
the matter for them.



“That’s easy.” The fox sets the house on fire and burns it down.



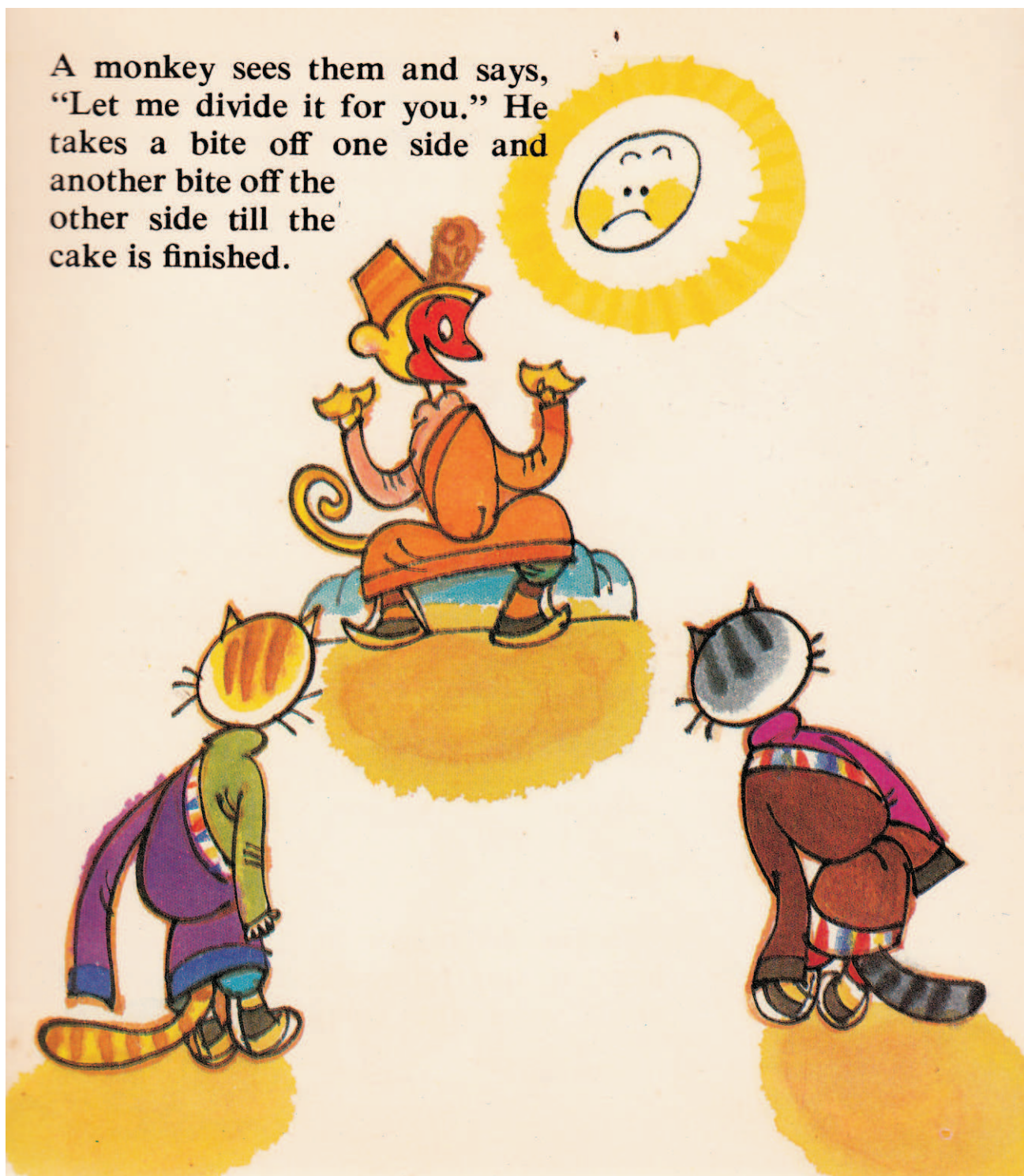


A few days later, the kittens find a big pancake.
“My, that smells good. Let’s each have half.”



“I want the bigger half!” They begin to quarrel again. “Well, I don’t want the smaller half!”

A monkey sees them and says,
"Let me divide it for you." He
takes a bite off one side and
another bite off the
other side till the
cake is finished.





"Oh, I just couldn't divide it even between you," the monkey says. That is the price the foolish kittens pay for quarreling so.

The Ox and the Water Buffalo

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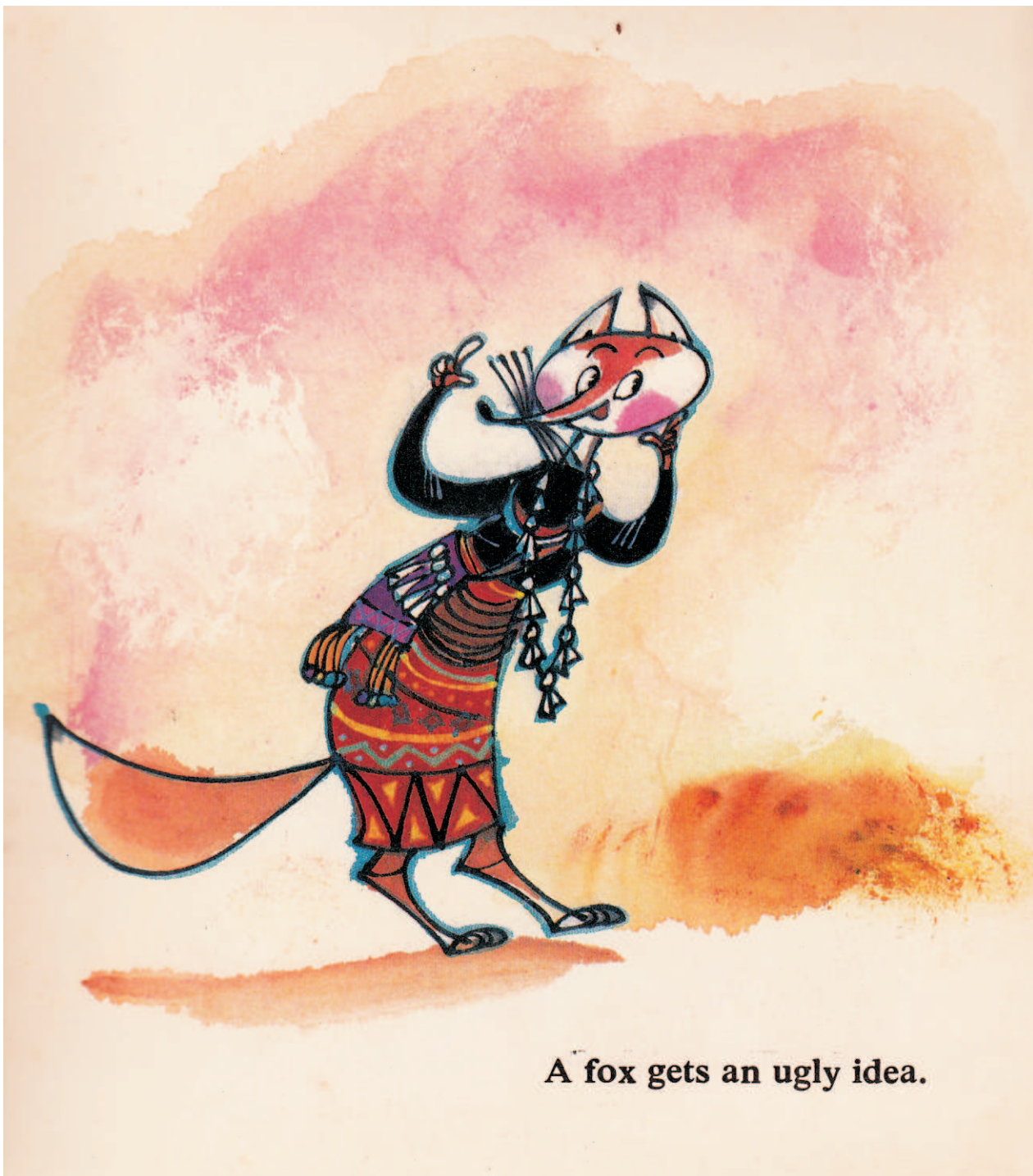
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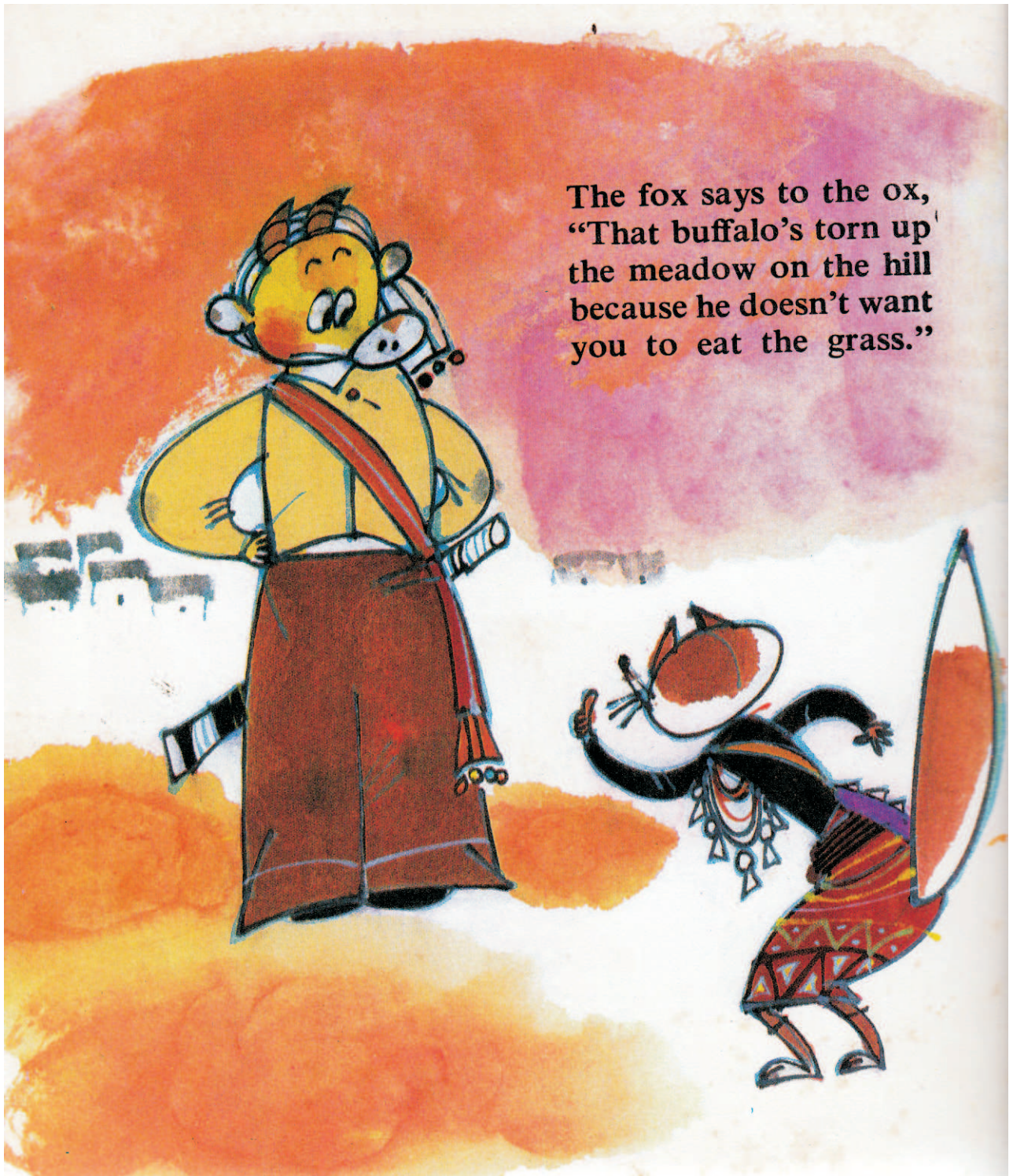
An ox and a water buffalo
are good friends, until. . . .





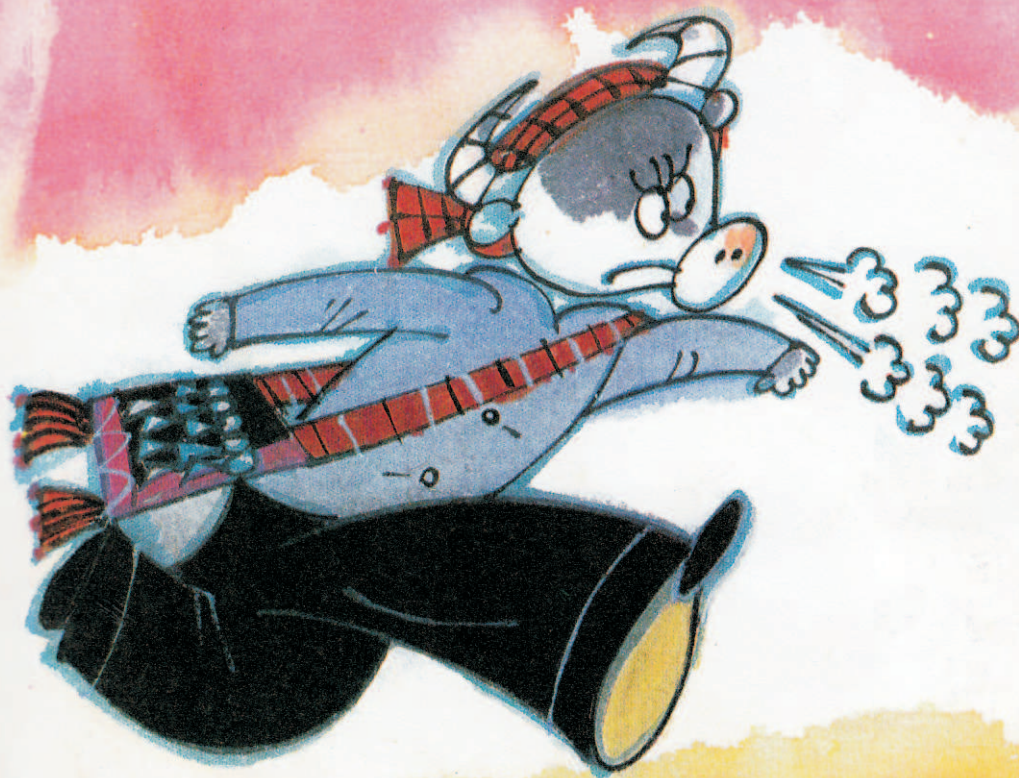
A fox gets an ugly idea.

The fox says to the ox,
“That buffalo’s torn up
the meadow on the hill
because he doesn’t want
you to eat the grass.”





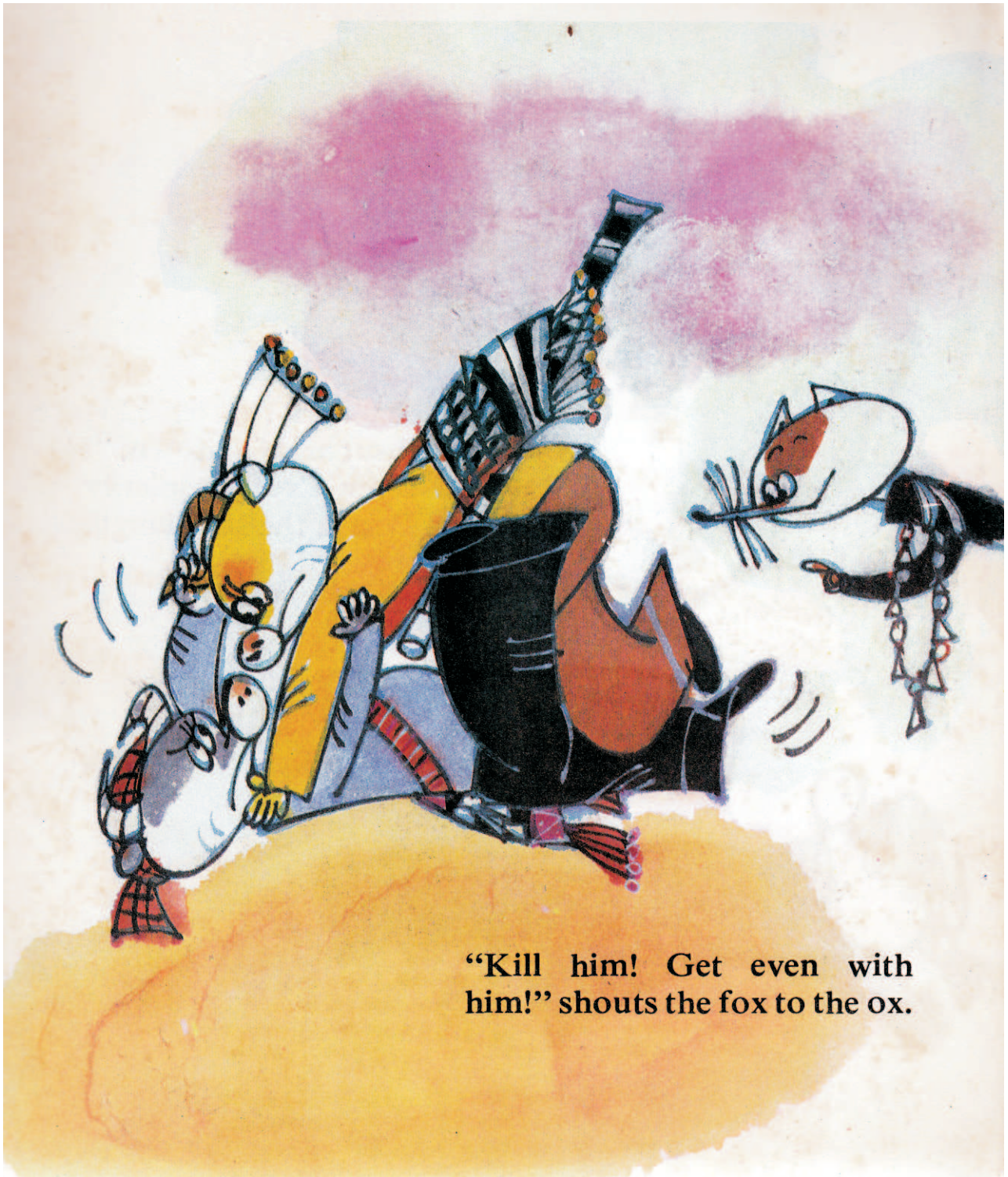
“The ox doesn’t want you to bathe in the river so he’s dirtied the water,” says the fox to the buffalo.



The buffalo is angry too, and
goes to the ox to fight him.

“Hit him hard! Hit that bully of an ox!” the fox says to the buffalo.

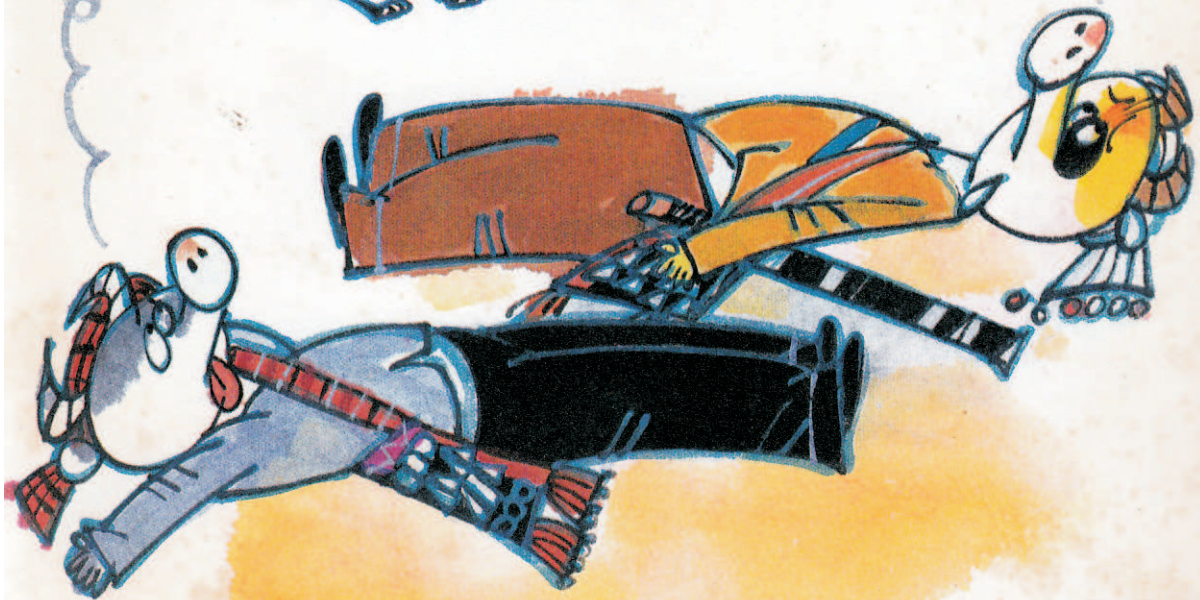




“Kill him! Get even with him!” shouts the fox to the ox.



The ox and the buffalo are both hurt and fall down. "Ha-ha! Now I've got plenty of beef!" says the fox, laughing.



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